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REFLECTIONS ON THE EVE OF JANUARY 16TH

It all began with the announcement, "There are flashes on the western horizon." Throughout the night, John, Peter, and Bernie of CNN brought to a stunned world their eyewitness report from the "center of hell" in the blacked-out city of Baghdad. Horrible images of war. "Streams of tracers from anti-aircraft lighting the sky...the eerie stillness of the night giving way to light flashing in the distance and the explosion of bombs...bright red-yellow blasts coloring the darkened skies as exploding balls of fire followed one after the other in pinpoint bombing..." And so with the thunder and lightening of Desert Storm, the long-feared Gulf war became a tragic reality.

Darkness covered a world on the brink of war as it approached January 15, the day we could allegedly go legally to war. The clock ticked and we moved inexorably towards a bloody and futile confrontation. Facing the grim prospect of human carnage, death and destruction with its long-term impact and a future of unresolved problems, we urged our President, "Give peace a chance!" In the eleventh hour of frantic last-minute failed diplomacy we waited, hoped and prayed. During the dark night of fear and anxiety for the lives of loved ones on both sides, Americans and Iraqis, we joined thousands of people in silent vigil. Our candles illuminated the darkness, and we were strengthened as we sang softly the refrain, "Peace, peace, peace, let there be peace!"

In this Epiphany season Isaiah, in poetic description, reminds us of the promise "that the people who walk in darkness have seen a great light." The bright star on the beckoning horizon that once led ancient wisemen over the desert sands to find the Christ Child, shines even this day high above our darkened skies of war. Again we are led to the Prince of Peace. We experience through the hard lessons of war that while Christ is, indeed, in our sufferings and in our dying, his ways are always found in reconciling love and peace.

During that fateful first evening of war, I was struck with the power of the irony of the CNN eyewitness report, "A rooster is crowing amidst the bombing, though daybreak is yet a few hours away."

And so we continue to work and pray fervently for peace. We know that the power of Christ's love will prevail. We pray that there will be the dawn of a new morning which will bring hope and promise for just and peaceful solutions to the Middle East conflict.

In Christ's peace,

L. Paul Bartling
Assistant to the Bishop

NEWS

JUDGE'S RULING SUPPORTS CHURCHES

In Phoenix, Arizona, U.S. District Judge Roger Strand has rules that the churches which were infiltrated by government agents conducting secret surveillance "have suffered an actual, legally cognizable injury which is subject to redress. The government is constitutionally precluded from unbridled and inappropriate covert activity, which has as its purpose or objective the abridgment of the First Amendment freedoms of those involved," Strand states. In his December 10, 1990, ruling Strand said, "Plaintiffs' declarations establish that their congregants have suffered distrust, withdrawal, and fear arising from the infiltration of their churches." The plaintiffs include one ELCA congregation and two Presbyterian congregations.

David J. Hardy, ELCA general counsel, said the ruling is "a significant decision and a victory for the churches, obtained in the face of numerous procedural obstacles that are part of the government arsenal in defending its agents."

The congregations discovered in 1985 that agents of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service had conducted undercover investigations during church gatherings. The discovery was made during a trial of church workers accused of ilegally helping Central American refugees.

Strand said the case is not moot because the government has asserted its right to conduct covert investigations of criminal activity within churches, and "plaintiffs have no guarantee the government conduct will not reoccur causing further injury."

TWO DEATHS REPORTED

We have learned from the Churchwide Office of two recent deaths:

JEANNE SITTLER, 76, former artist in residence at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and widow of Lutheran theologian Joseph Sittler, died on January 4 at her home. A composer, she began writing church music in the 1950's. A number of songs she wrote were published and performed, among them "A Jazz Mass for Augustana." A memorial service was held on January 8.

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DEATHS (cont.)

THE REV. DR. PHILIP A. JOHNSON, Lutheran pastor and noted church leader, died January 6 after a short illness at the age of 75. During his 50 years of service to church and society, Dr. Johnson was an eloquent spokesman and bridge builder who worked to promote ecumenism and to bring church policy and action to bear on major issues of our times, such as race relations, sustainable development, and corporate responsibility.

Dr. Johnson worked with various national and world organizations, pressing the church to find a united voice and to address major societal issues.

A memorial service celebrating his life and work will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York City on January 28.

SYNOD MEMBER NAMED TO PLTS CABINET

DONALD THORESON, a member of Magnolia, Seattle, has received a special appointment to the President's Cabinet of Advisors of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) in Berkeley, California.

Members of the Cabinet are selected by PLTS President Jerry Schmalenberger to give the seminary advice, expertise and support of its mission of training Lutheran pastors and other church leaders. Their insights will enable the seminary to better understand the perceptions and concerns about theological education held by a variety of ELCA members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW VENTURE IN BIBLE READING BEGINS IN JANUARY

Imagine sitting down with millions of other ELCA members to read the Bible! The group includes women in Maine and men in Puerto Rico. It embraces youth in Alaska and grandparents in Hawaii. That is exactly what is happening throughout the ELCA as the NEW VENTURE IN BIBLE READING program begins.

Throughout history, people have discovered genuine excitement reading and studying scripture, but what is new about the major element of

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NEW VENTURE IN BIBLE READING (cont.)

the *see emphasis* of MISSION90 is the large-scale plan to help millions of Lutherans of all ages commit themselves to daily Bible reading--not alone, but with others all across the country. Through faithful reading and study of the Bible, daily prayer and reflection on the Lutheran heritage--MISSION90 challenges all of us to commit to seeing anew what it means to be a Christian.

Join millions of others in daily Bible reading!

NEW RSV BIBLES AVAILABLE

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is available for $1.75 per copy (paperback). Contact Ceclia Fjellman, 283-6344 if you are interested. This is the only edition published by the American Bible Society.

Disaster assistance is still available. If you suffered damage during the November flood and live in one of the counties declared eligible for federal assistance, you have until January 25, 1991, to apply. Call this toll-free number...

Disaster Application Line

1-800-462-9029

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Monday through Friday

"LIVING GOD'S GIFTS" STEWARDSHIP SERIES

A reminder that by now every congregation should have received the 1991 Stewardship series, "Living God's Gifts: God's Gift of Creation", written by Ramona Soto Rank of the Oregon Synod. If you have not received your copy of this four-session series, call the regional office, 624-0093, and speak with Christine.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

A new Northwest Washington Synod Directory and 1989/1990 Assembly Minutes Book is hot off the press and will be mailed out soon. Please take a few minutes to look through the book for valuable information regarding phone numbers and addresses of all rostered personnel, agencies, synod council, board and committee memberships, congregational statistics, and synod constitution. Before you call the Synod Office for a phone number, look for it in the Directory first!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY JUNE 7-9, 1991

This year's Synod Assembly will soon be here. Here are some reminders:

Nominations for Bishop will be accepted through March 7.

Initial target date for Resolutions is March 1; final deadline is April 15.

Delegate allotment by congregation is based on baptized membership as of 12/31/89. The following is the formula for delegate allotment for our synod's congregations:

Baptized membership less than 350 = 2 lay delegates (1 male, 1 female)
Baptized membership 350-800 = 3 lay delegates (not all same sex)
Baptized membership over 800 = 4 lay delegates (2 male, 2 female)

If you have a question about the number of delegates your congregation is allotted, call the synod office, 783-9292.

LUTHERAN COMPASS CENTER SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

The Rev. Jim Fergin, Executive Director of the Lutheran Compass Center, and the Rev. Nyer Urness, Chaplain, are available for preaching and/or adult education forums on Sundays. Please call for details at 461-7835. The Lutheran Compass Center serves the homeless of downtown Seattle.

WHITE HOUSE HOTLINE

If you would like to express your opinion on matters of national government, you may make the following toll call (9-5 pm, EST, Monday-Friday). You will be answered by a courteous human being who will record your opinion and convey it to President Bush. WHITE HOUSE: (202) 456-1111.

LOMA ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING SCHEDULED

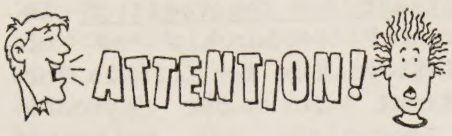
The annual corporation meeting of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Association (LOMA) will be held on February 24 from 2:30-5:00 pm at the LOMA Center for Renewal, 3607 - 228th Ave. SE, Issaquah.

TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED INCORRECTLY

In the December issue of "Soundings", the new phone number for Harbour Pointe Lutheran Church in Everett was listed incorrectly. The correct number for Harbour Pointe is 353-5253.

CHURCH COUNCIL TRAINING PROGRAM TO BE OFFERED

A new Church Council Training program is being launched in Region 1. Synod leaders and Regional staff produced both the process and the material. They were "pilot tested" with a cluster of 7 congregations last fall. In January, teams of presenters were trained.



Each team will consist of a lay person and a clergy. Each synod will have 4-5 teams. Each team will conduct 3-4 workshops per year in their synod. Presenters will begin giving workshops as early as February, 1991.

The primary emphasis of the workshops will be the "calling" of council members to ministry. There will be plenty of practical information to help leaders deal with the business of the council in a manner appropriate to the church.

During the 5-hour church council training seminars, participants will receive a practical "how to" booklet dealing with such things as expectations of a council member, council organization, teamwork, decision-making, ethics, effective meetings, and planning. Congregations with members attending will be given a comprehensive Resource Notebook.

Training will be offered annually so congregations can plan on sending new council members to future seminars each spring. Watch "Soundings" for dates and locations of the council training workshops in your area.

THREE PERCENT THRESHOLD ON ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS

Among the many formulas adopted in the recent congressionally passed budget package is a three percent threshold on all itemized deductions including charitable contributions for wealthy taxpayers. Effective January 1, 1991, those with adjusted gross incomes over $100,000 (adjusted annually for inflation) will not be able to deduct the first itemized deductions equal to 3% of their income over $100,000. An 80% limit on the amount that a taxpayer could "lose" in total itemized deductions and a 5-year sunset provision were also included in the budget agreement.

While it is anticipated that this provision will have minimal impact on most

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THREE PERCENT THRESHOLD (cont.)

charitable giving, it may negatively impact larger contributions. This provision does change the long-held belief that money contributed to serve public purposes should not be taxed. While the levels of other deductions (mortgage interest and local taxes) are essentially set by others, charitable giving is a voluntary decision. Indeed, charitable institutions may feel the impact of this legislation more than the upper income taxpayer.

Kay Dowhower, Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs, Washington, D.C.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS MAILED

Parochial reports were mailed to all congregations by the Churchwide Office in Chicago in November. Please complete the necessary information and send them to the Synod Office. Do not send the report to the Churchwide Office. We need to receive these forms by the end of January to check the statistics and forward them to Chicago.

Congratulations to St. Paul's of Shorewood for being the first congregation to send theirs in. Thank you!

REPORTS TO THE BISHOP DUE

Our Synod Constitution states that all rostered persons are to complete an annual report to the Bishop. These reports were mailed to all rostered personnel with the request that they be completed and returned to the Bishop's Office. Please complete your form today and mail it back. Thank you to those of you who have already mailed yours in.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONCORDIA CHOIR ON TOUR IN SEATTLE

The Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota will be performing at a concert on February 23 at the First Presbyterian Church in Seattle at 8:00 p.m. The 70-voice choir has been touring nationally and internationally for over 65 years in churches and concert halls such as Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

WORLD HUNGER EVENTS IN OUR SYNOD

A reminder of the world hunger events happening in Seattle February 2-4 with ART SIMON, who is retiring from his leadership of Bread for the World.

Feb 2 St. Mark's Episcopal--Dinner, Art Simon speaking, musical "Lazarus". Call 525-1988 for tickets; $10/person.

Feb 3 Hunger workshops at St. Mark's, 2-6 pm; call 525-1988 to register.

Feb 4 Continental breakfast for pastors, Art Simon speaking; Grace Lutheran, Des Moines, 878-2460.

"EFFECTIVE CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR THE 90'S"

Register NOW for the 1991 Evangelism Event on February 3-4 at LBI in Issaquah featuring DR. KENNON CALLAHAN. Registration is still open for this advanced course based primarily on Callahan's latest book, EFFECTIVE CHURCH LEADERSHIP. Registrations received after January 22 will not include meal service; rates will be adjusted. Contact Registrar Richard Nieman, 455-5285, for complete details.

Dr. Callahan will teach a "catch-up" review of the "Twelve Steps to an Effective Church" from 1:00-2:00 pm on Sunday, February 3. Session I on "Effective Church Leadership" begins at 2:30 pm. For additional information regarding the content of the event, call Dean Wigstrom, 336-5339, or Jim Braaten, 624-0093.

ALTERNATIVE ARTS AUCTION SET FOR FEB. 9

The fourth annual Rasmus Jensen Alternative Arts Auction is scheduled for February 9 at 7:00 pm at Gethsemane, Seattle. Donated items to be auctioned will celebrate the artistic in all of us, and will honor justice-oriented, socially conscious lifestyles. Some of the items could be group purchases.

The $10 admission includes an hors d'oeuvres buffet, espresso and other beverages, and live music. A special rate is available for multiple tickets purchased, up to four persons. Call 672-6009 or 322-7500 for tickets. Proceeds benefit the Lutheran Peace Fellowship and the Social Ministry Program of LSS.

ECUMENICAL EVENT WITH THE REV. BARBARA LUNDBLAD

Mark your calendar for "Beyond Barriers", an Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women event. The Rev. Barbara Lundblad, a Lutheran pastor in New York, will keynote this event in two locations in our synod: March 13 in Everett and March 14 in Seattle. For details regarding the Everett event, call Jerry Sutton, 774-1010. For the Seattle event, call Ron Marshall, 935-6530.

Sponsored by the Washington Association of Churches (525-1988), the seminar will help to identify the major issues facing women in the church and community, such as child care, domestic violence, poverty, housing, equal employment opportunity, paternalism, and patriarchy. It hopes to address ways the church can stand in solidarity with women as they strive to achieve justice in these and other areas of concern.

FUTURE EVENTS

REGION I PASTORAL CONFERENCE--April 8-11, Vancouver, B.C.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY--June 7-9, Red Lion, Bellevue

LITE SUMMER INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY--July 8-11, PLU, Tacoma

GLOBAL MISSION EVENTS
July 11-14, U of N Colorado, Greeley
July 18-21, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
July 25-28, Russell Sage College, Troy, NY

LITE'S 8TH BIENNIAL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE AT HOLDEN VILLAGE--September 30-October 3

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

LBI OFFERS OLD TESTAMENT COURSE

For a unique learning adventure to help your people get an overview of the Old Testament, and to motivate them to be regular Bible readers, the "Lutheran Bible Adventures" may be for you! Also known as "Walk Thru the Bible" seminars, the "Lutheran Bible Adventures" seminars can

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OLD TESTAMENT COURSE (cont.)
now be held in your congregation. The seminar overviews the key events, persons and geography of biblical history, applying many lessons of faith and life to our present experiences. On the average, 70% or more of the people who attend make a commitment to read their Bible on a daily basis.

The Rev. Lowell Stime, LBI faculty member, has been trained to present the "Walk Thru the Bible" Old Testament seminar. Call him at 392-0400 (office) or 392-0271 (home) to schedule a seminar for your congregation. This seminar could be a valuable piece in the life of your congregation as we move into the MISSION90 emphasis on New Ventures in Bible Reading for 1991.

CPE RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN MINNEAPOLIS

The Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) in Minneapolis is offering a one-year residency program of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) beginning this September. There is a $15,500 salary and health care insurance with the position. This is a unique opportunity for pastors, those interested in chaplaincy or other pastoral care specialties, or those looking for extended and extensive professional and personal growth. Each participate is involved in small group seminars and lectures, and receives individual supervision.

Interested persons should contact The Rev. Susan L. Thornton, Dept. of Chaplaincy Services, HCMC, 701 Park Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55415, or call (612) 347-2260, for application materials and additional information. Tuition for the year is $1,450. The program is accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PREACHERS

The Seattle Committee of LITE is offering a Special Opportunity on January 30, 12:30-3:00 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, 5515 Phinney Ave. No., Seattle. DR. SHELDON TOSTENGARD, Associate Professor at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, will lead this event. He has a strong interest in contemporary literature with relevance for preaching.

Dr. Tostengard's topic will be "PREACHING WORKSHOP: LENT-EASTER CYCLE". Participants

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PREACHING OPPORTUNITY (cont.)
will look at some of the Sunday texts for Lent in the hope of seeing the heart of sermons in them. Each pastor will compose unique sermons for a particular congregation, but some advance planning and preparation can be helpful.

Cost is $10, payable at the session. This event is sponsored by ELCA Region I (five synods) and Northwest District LC-MS.

CONFERENCE FOR PASTORAL COUNSELORS

The American Association of Pastoral Counselors announces their Northwest Regional Conference March 8-9 at LBI, Issaquah. Under the theme, "Pastoral Counseling: Sharing Our Clinical Experience", two of the region's pastoral counselorswill share their theoretical orientations, counseling strategies and treatment plans, and theological foundations.

To register, contact Doug McLemore, P.O. Box 1192, Silverdale, WA 98383. For information on accommodations and program, contact Dennis Smith, 286-8656.

CALLING-CARING MINISTRIES LAB

An introductory event on the Calling-Caring Ministries program will be offered February 9, 2-5 pm, at Cross of Christ, Bellevue (no charge). A 38-hour workshop (Lab I) designed to teach specific skills on how to care for another person is scheduled for May 1-5 at Cross of Christ. Skills learned will be useful in all areas of life. Workshop fee is $80, with a group discount available. Contact Buzz Kahn with questions, 746-7300.

DIVORCED PARENTS WORKSHOP OFFERED

Divorce Lifeline, a program of Lutheran Social Services, will be offering a FREE four-week series on "Parenting: Before, During, and after Divorce" beginning on Monday, February 25 from 7-8:30 pm, running for four Monday evenings. Topics include: "Your Child's Response to Divorce", "Enhancing Your Child's Self-Esteem", "Mom's House...Dad's House", and "Blending Your Families".

All programs will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 9320 Meadow Way, Everett. Call Fran, 624-2959 or 337-6437.

WIMPS WEEKEND RETREAT AT HOLDEN

WIMPS stands for We're Ignorant Men Pursuing Spirituality. The organization explores men's spirituality issues within the organized church. As men we recognize a certain alientation from the church, but need to discuss this openly. On February 22-25, Holden Village is hosting a weekend of attending to these issues. The cost is $110 for three nights at Holden and transportation up Lake Chelan. The conference will address addictive and compulsive restrictions to our spirituality, and where Mom and Dad stand in this process. Questions of male and female agendas in the church and home will be discussed. Call Gary Bannister, 485-6986.

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSICIANS CONFERENCE

Under the theme of "People of Promise--People of Vision", the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) announces its national summer conference at Emory University, Atlanta, GA, June 23-27. Main speakers include Professors Paul Westermeyer and Jane Strohl of Luther Northwestgern Seminary, Professor Dan Saliers of Emory University, and Pacific Lutheran University Pastor Susan Briehl.

For more information, contact Mark Glaeser, 4519 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226; (704) 366-1595.

AMERICAN SUMMER INSTITUTES

The Synod Office has information on the ASI program, noted for its international continuing education. The theme of the institutes is "Other Worlds/Our World". Sites include St. Andrews, Scotland; Rome, Italy; Uppsala, Sweden; and Leysin, Switzerland. Call the Synod Office, 783-9292, for a copy of the materials, or write to ASI at P.O. Box 40, Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550; (609) 799-5349.

YOUTH NEWS

REGISTRATION OPENS
FOR HOLDEN YOUTH WEEKENDS

Registration opens February 5 for the popular 1991 Holden Youth Weekends. The word is, "Register early!"

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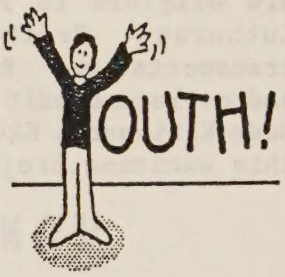
HOLDEN YOUTH WEEKENDS (cont.)

Using the theme, "Tools for the Journey", 9th-12th graders and their sponsors (recommended 1 adult for every 7 youth) will focus on tending to the inner journey of life, using the tools of Scripture, meditation, silence, journaling, music, and nature. Each congregation is limited to 20 youth participants. Contact the Region I Youth Ministries Office, 624-0093, if you have not received registration materials.

ROLLIE MARTINSON EVENT

It's always an event when Rollie Martinson comes to town! When "Rollie" is the keynote speaker at the February 10-12 Focus on Youth Ministry event, it's an opportunity workers with youth won't want to miss. If you haven't yet registered for either the Sunday segment at PLU, or the in-depth continuation at LOMA, contact Traci Vatne, 833-5280.



JUNIOR HIGH RALLIES A "GO"

Speakers, musicians, workshops, and fun fill a fast-paced overnight experience for junior high youth at the warmly-received Region I Junior High Rallies. "A great supplement to Confirmation!" notes Dave Ellingson, coordinator of Youth Ministries for Region I, adding that many pastors and youth ministry leaders schedule the junior high rallies as part of their overall junior high education and fellowship program.

Rallies will explore the theme, "Road Signs for the Journey". Our synod's rally is March 15-16 at Salem and First Lutheran Churches in Mt. Vernon. Contact Dawn Younger for details, 869-0373.

LBI FESTIVAL OF LIFE

Look for registration materials and details coming to your church in March regarding this annual youth event at LBI. Your youth will catch the energy and excitement in two weeks of faith-building adventure with the theme, "Under Construction". Junior High Week is June 30-July 3 ($80), and Senior High Week is June 23-27 ($95).

FIRST NATIONAL YOUTH TELEVISION PROJECT LAUNCHED

In Seattle, 36 high schoolers chosen from applicants from throughout the nation will be the first to attend a 1991 summer television workshop to learn to produce video communication from a faith perspective.

"Titled EVERGREEN, the project is being launched through a partnership of the ELCA and PLU," said Dave Ellingson. "EVERGREEN is a radically new and visionary program . . . to offer young people an opportunity to apply their creativity, and to develop communication skills by using the latest technology of this century."

High school youth entering grades 10-12 are eligible to register. A grant from Lutheran Brotherhood will cover transportation. Registration fee is $120, and college credit will be available. Call Dave Ellingson, 624-0093 for information on this exciting project.

WANT ADS

RETIRED PASTOR OFFERS CLERGY SHIRTS

Pastor Chuck Bomgren has a multi-colored collection of clergy shirts, size 14 1/2", in good condition which he would be happy to give away. Call him at 827-1270 if you are interested.

CHURCH BELL WANTED

St. Demetrious Orthodox Church in Seattle is trying to locate a church bell to send to a newly formed orthodox church in Ethiopia. If you can help, please call Father Homer at 325-4347.

PROFESSOR OF HOMILETICS POSITION OPEN

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley announces a Professor of Homiletics position to begin September, 1991. Candidates should have qualifications both as a preacher and as a teacher of preaching. ELCA ordination required. Women and persons of color or primary language other than English encouraged to apply. Send applications and nominations to Office of the President, PLTS, 2770 Marin Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708-1597. Deadline February 15, 1991.

COPIER FOR SALE

St. Luke's, Bellevue, has a Sharp 8100 copier with zoom lens and many extras for

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COPIER FOR SALE (cont.)

sale for $1795 or best offer. Maintained since new; recently fine tuned. Call 822-7907.

ASSISTANT TO OFFICE MANAGER

The Seattle Agency of Lutheran Brotherhood has an opening for part-time (20 hours/week) Assistant to the Office Manager. Contact Marcia Thorniley at 523-0009 for interview. Office in the Northgate area.

MUSIC POSITIONS OPEN

Our Saviour's, Bellingham is seeking a Choir Director. Call 733-6749.

Trinity, Lynnwood has an opening for Minister of Music, an interim part-time position for January-June, directing worship and handbell choirs. A full or part-time permanent staff person is sought for the 1991-92 school year. Contact Kim Myhre or Pastor Rick Rouse at 778-2159.

YOUTH WORKER/SECRETARY

A position is open at Ballard First Lutheran for a full-time combined position of youth worker and secretary; $1600/month plus benefits. Send resume by February 4 to Ballard First Lutheran Church, 2006 NW 65th, Seattle, WA 98117; 784-1306.

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY

We ask that you remember in your prayers our national and international leaders in this time of world turmoil; each person in the armed forces stationed in the area of the Middle East and their families, at this time of separation and uncertainty; Pat Witt of the LITE office recovering from orthoscopic knee surgery; Terry Thomas having surgery for a broken wrist injury sustained in high school; Eugene Stime in Swedish Hospital, Seattle, with internal bleeding; Ray Lester convalescing at home for several weeks with a heart problem; and Art McGee continuing in chemotherapy . . . Anacortes Lutheran Church made 53 quilts after the Thanksgiving floods and delivered them to the Red Cross in Mt. Vernon by December 15! . . . Mary Walters, a member of Luther Memorial, Seattle, is making her fourth volunteer trip to southern Mexico with Northwest Medical Teams to perform cleft palate and lip surgery, operating primarily on children.

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NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD COMMISSION FOR ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS
January 14, 1991

Dear Colleagues,

One dimension of the work of the Commission for Ecumenical Affairs is pursuing the area of dialogue, study, worship and service with non-Lutheran communities of faith, particularly with those in our adjacent and neighboring communities. We celebrate those areas of inter-action.

We are confident there already exists a history of ecumenical cooperation by a large number of pastors and parishes. In order to share with others and celebrate this ecumenical partnership we ask that you indicate something of your experience in the questionnaire below, and return to the Synod office. A return by Feb. 20th would be appreciated. Thank you.

Questionnaire

In the past 12-18 months we as a parish (check the appropriate space(s):

Worshipped with _____ _____
church denomination

Exchanged pulpits with _____ _____
church denomination

Participation in a neighborhood ecumenical

____Vacation Church School
____ Church School (Sunday) activity
____ Youth activity
____ Women's activity
____ Men's activity
____ Study/Education activity
____ Social ministry program, e.g. Food Bank
____ Leadership training, e.g. stewardship, visitation etc
____Other _____

Do you have a person who represents ecumenical concerns in the parish? Name Address Phone

_____

Do you have suggestions of ways in which our Synod's ecumenical interests may be furthered? Please indicate on reverse side.

Signed _____ Church _____ Address _____

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Please complete & send to: Commission for Ecumenical Affairs
Northwest Washington Synod - ELCA
5519 Phinney Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98103

MINISTRY, VOCATION, AND FAMILY:
A TIME FOR REFLECTION, RENEWAL, AND FOCUS

The Rev. Larry Gaffin, Director of the Center Life Decisions, a career counseling service in Seattle, will offer a workshop for pastors who wish to clarify, reflect, and/or renew the interactions of vocation, family, and personal goals in their lives.

Do I need to refocus the kind of ministry I'm doing?

Do I have a sense of balance in my life?

Should I consider vocational options?
In the church...outside the church...

Am I clear about my skills AND abilities?

Do I have control of the stress in my life?

Larry is a UCC clergyperson with extensive background in parish ministry, campus ministry, and career counseling. Using a process that has been effective for countless others, Larry has developed vocational counseling skills for his own job changes, his several ministries, and his clients in private practice.

This workshop is sponsored by the Bishops and District President of the Northwest through Consultation to Clergy (CTC). Both the registration process and the interactions of the workshop will be confidential. The ambiance of the workshop will be informal, relaxed, and intentional.

These workshops will be limited to 20 persons, with two alternate dates for 1991: April 22-24 and June 17-19 (9 am Monday to 4:30 Wednesday). Depending on registrants, the workshops will be held at locations between Portland and Seattle.

Registration packets will be sent to those who return the form at the bottom of this page. Registration must be completed by March 10.

Cost for the workshop will be $325 per person. Funding assistance will be available through congregational sources, GEM program funds, scholarships through CTC, and bishops' and district president's offices. Travel equalization will be available to those who must travel more than 200 miles. Consult Eldon Olson at CTC, 911 Stewart Street, Seattle, WA 98101 for details; 623-8193.

NAME_____ PHONE_____

PREFERRED DATE_____ AVAILABLE BOTH DATES_____

FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ME IN THE CONGREGATION $_____
THROUGH PERSONAL RESOURCES $_____

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY, 1991

2-4 World Hunger Events with Art Simon
3-4 Evangelism Event, LBI
5 Finance Committee, Prince of Peace No, Seattle, 6 pm
6 Joint Deans meeting with SWWA Synod, Messiah, Auburn, 10 am
7 Candidacy Committee, St. John, Seattle, 9 am
8 Executive Committee, Prince of Peace So, Seattle, 10 am
8-9 Churchwide/Region I Consultation, Prince of Peace So, Seattle
10-12 Youth Leadership Training Event, PLU & LOMA
13 Interim Pastors luncheon, St. John, Seattle, 11 am
18 HOLIDAY--OFFICE CLOSED
19 Retirees' luncheon, Caesar's, Seattle, noon
20 Global Mission Committee, Bethel of Shoreline, 1 pm
21 Commission for Ecumenical Relations, St. John, Seattle, 2 pm
26 Board of Extended Ministries, St. John, Seattle, 7:30 pm

Hewlett Library
Graduate Theological Union
2400 Ridge Road
Berkeley, CA 94709

JANUARY 1991

CALLS ACCEPTED LP=Lead Pastor A=Associate Y=Youth Pastor

Luther O. Watness — Adult Rehab/Salvation Army 9/22/90
D. Lothar Pietz (Int) Lakeridge, Seattle 11/04/90
Roy L. D. Ylitalo St. Paul's, Seattle 02/04/91

AIM APPOINTMENT(S) ACCEPTED

None this month

INSTALLATION(S)

Roy L. D. Ylitalo St. Paul's, Seattle 02/24/91

ANNIVERSARIES

None this month

ORDINATION(S)

None this month

RESIGNATION(S)

Janice Tobie O'Shea University, Seattle 02/15/91

RETIREMENT(S)

Gerald D. Sundby 02/06/91

TRANSFER(S) IN/OUT OF SYNOD

Richard D. Rintala (ret.) to Grand Canyon Synod 01/08/91
Herbert T. Hoff from W. Metro Minnesota Synod 01/02/91

CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim I=Interviewing C=Calling

CP=Congregational Profile	C	Leonard Ericksen, Pastor
Bellingham, Central (Assoc)	CP	Paul Wietzke, Int
Edison, Bow	I	Paul Running, Int
Everett, Central	CP	Susan Kyllo, Int
Kirkland, Trinity	I	Terry Thomas, Pastor
Redmond, Faith (Assoc)	Int	Lothar Pietz, Int
Seattle, Lakeridge	NV	Robert Schultz, Int
Seattle, Magnolia		
Seattle, NE Seattle Lutheran Youth Association	I	
Seattle, Peace	CP	Warren Strain, Int
Seattle, University (AIM)	I	June Nilssen, Pastor

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOUR CONGREGATION IS SEEKING A LAY PROFESSIONAL, PLEASE CONTACT THE SYNOD OFFICE. THANK YOU.